Joint Venture and wholly owned companies abroad for trading and other services under the revised Export-Import Policy for 1992—97;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to create a new category of Super Stars among export houses in the country; and

(d) whether this decision would help in increasing the exports by Small Scale Industries ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Joint Ventures and Wholly Owned subsidiaries abroad for trading and other services can be set up even under existing guidelines for Overseas Investment.

(c) Yes, Sir. A new category of Super Star Trading House has been created in the Export-Import Policy 1992—97 (Revised Edition ; March, 1994).

(d) Since exports of goods manufactured by Small Scale Industries are given double weightage for recognition as a Super Star Trading House, this is likely to encourage greater sourcing by them of goods manufactured by that sector.

Import and Export of various Commodities

4297. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various commodities which have been exported and imported in the country during the last three years;

(b) the year-wise and commodity-wise details for the same period;

(c) the total foreign exchange earned by Government from export during this period; and

(d) the total foreign exchange incurred by Government in respect of imports during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Information called for is voluminous. Data on exports and imports commodity-wise are published in volumes I & II of the Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India (Annual Number) by DGCI&S, Calcutta. The publications are presently available only up to 1992-93. These publications are made available to the Lok Sabha Library. The Annual Numbers for 1993-94 have not become due.

(c) and (d) India's exports and imports during 1991-92, 1992-93 and April—February, 1993-94, the latest period for which such data are available, are given below :

	Exports		Imports	
	Rs. crores	US$ Million	Rs. crores	US$ Million
1991-92 . . .	44042	17865	47851	19411
1992-93 . . .	53688	18537	63375	21882
1993-94 (April –Feb.) . . .	62181	19825	63780	20335
1992-93 (April –Feb.) . . .	47234	16441	57302	19945

Changes in Import-Export Policy

4298. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced important changes in the Export-Import Policy;

(b) if so, what are the new features of the said policy and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what effective measures Government propose to take to boost exports ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a)